

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Matthijsse *et al.* Group Art Unit 2883  
Serial No. 10/509,684  
Filed: July 21, 2006  
For: Method and Device for Manufacturing Optical Preforms, as Well as the Optical Fibres  
Obtained Therewith

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
CITATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Sir:

Applicants are filing a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which lists a European Office Action for counterpart European Application No. 03725865. Applicants previously disclosed in a November 24, 2004, Information Disclosure Statement the two U.S. patent documents cited in this European Office Action. (For the sake of completeness, Applicants are including these two references in the present supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.) Applicants ask that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and MPEP § 609.

Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, it is submitted that no fee is required for this submission. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0332.

Respectfully submitted,

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